

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Peru

General Information

- Population: 30 million.
- Area: 1,285,216 miles - geography varies from the arid plains of the Pacific coast to the peaks of the Andes Mountains and the tropical forests of the Amazon Basin.
- Three main zones: dry coastal plain in the west where most of the cities and industry are located, high Andean plateau which is more agricultural, and Amazon jungle in the east.
- Capital: Lima
- Urbanites: 72%
- Language: The main spoken language is Spanish, although a significant number of Peruvians speak Quechua or other native languages.

Challenges

- Poverty (around 25.8 percent).
- Liberation theology.
- Only 5% of Catholics are regular in church attendance; many are syncretistic Christo-pagans.
- Many Christian ministries (WVI, Food for the Hungry, Compassion International, Agape Network, Tearfund) have contributed to programs for both rural and urban slum areas.

Prayer

- Catholicism is the only religion taught in public schools. In addition, Catholic religious symbols are found in all government buildings and public places.
- Evangelical groups are growing (3,427,351).
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has seen rapid growth in Peru, and claims more than 480,000 members in Peru.
- Larner and his wife, Beth, work with Peru a las Naciones (Peru to the Nations), a Peruvian Baptist organization that prepares national believers to enter the mission field. So far, the organization has started three seminary-style schools across the country to train believers in cross-cultural missions.

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